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permitted to enter after being disinfected, without further detention, if, in the judgment of the local quarantine officers, it is safe to do so.

Rule 7. Vessels wishing to engage in the fruit, cattle, or crude petroleum trade will be allowed to do so under special restrictions and regulations governing the same.

All officials, military authorities, and citizens of Texas are solicited to assist the quarantine officers in the execution of the above rules, and are earnestly requested to notify the governor of any dereliction of duty by officers or employees, or any other facts that will give greater efficiency to the quarantine service.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and have caused the seal of the State to be affixed at the city of Austin this the 20th day of March, A. D. 1902.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS, *Governor*.

By the governor :

JOHN G. TODD, *Secretary of State*.

Vessels from Cape Town, South Africa, no longer detained at Pensacola, plague at Cape Town having ceased.

KEY WEST, FLA., *March 17, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that inquiry having been made of me by mail, from Acting Asst. Surg. R. C. White, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, at Pensacola, as to detention of vessels from Cape Town, South Africa, and inclosing me bills of health from the United States consul-general at Cape Town and bills of health from English authorities, I have replied to him by wire as follows:

KEY WEST, FLA., *March 15, 1902.*

WHITE, *Pensacola, Fla.*: Cape Town being reported free plague no detention necessary for that cause.—PORTER.

The note on Consul-General Bingham's bill of health January 10, 1902, is:

The last case of plague in Cape Town was discovered on October 21, and the last case of plague was discharged from treatment on November 27. No cases of plague are known to exist in Cape Town or surroundings.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH Y. PORTER,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Inspection service at Vanceboro, Me., and vicinity.

VANCEBORO, ME., *March 15, 1902.*

SIR: For the week ended to-night, I have inspected about 800 passengers at this port; of whom I vaccinated 108, chiefly from the north shore of New Brunswick.

The smallpox at Fredericton remains as at my last report, no epidemic having followed the exposures, and unless something new should occur, a continuation of the inspection seems, in my opinion, unnecessary.

Respectfully,

M. L. YOUNG,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessels from West Indian ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., March 16, 1902.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels:

March 9, 1902, British steamship *Russian Prince*, from Havana, with molasses; no passengers; bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan.

March 11, 1902, Norwegian steamship *Helga*, from St. Thomas, via